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### Tuesday:

What Mayor Peter Kelly said regarding his knowledge of the decision by Deputy CAO Wayne Anstey and the cash advance of \$400,000 to **Power Promotional** 

Kelly: "At no time did I have knowledge or give consent.

### Wednesday:

Kelly: "After the meeting they went away and Mr. Anstey reviewed options or opportunities and he made the decision."

Question from Metro: You say you didn't give consent but did you know he was doing this?

Kelly: "Not until after the

### Thursday:

Kelly: "I knew it was being done, absolutely, but I didn't know it was contrary to policy."

Metro will be talking to HRM's auditor aeneral Larry Munroe

Friday morning. Check out the story later Friday at metronews.ca/



## Anstey out, while Kelly backpedals

Deputy CAO Wayne Anstey advanced concert promoter \$400,000 from Metro Centre account for concerts last summer Anstey was going to stay on until end of June

Secret emergency meetings, quick resignations and political backtracking were rank in city hall on Thursday.

Councillors were pulled into an in-camera meeting at 3 p.m. They came out nearly two hours later and publicly accepted the immediate resignation of deputy CAO Wayne Anstey.

It's become evident to me over the past 24 hours that many members of council were uncomfortable with me stay ing around until June 30, so we've mutually agreed I will terminate my employment immediately," Anstey told reporters with his family standing behind him.

Then, when asked if Mayor Peter Kelly knew Anstey was going to give a cash advance, he said "yes."

"The mayor didn't have the power to make what happened happen, and I had that power. I made the final decision," Anstey said.

Kelly said on Wednesday he attended a meeting discussing the cash-crunched promoter but the decision was made by Anstey alone after the meeting broke up.

On Thursday his comments were a little different.

"This puts an end to it and hopefully the report from the auditor general will bring forth all the facts." WAYNE ANSTEY,

FORMER DEPUTY CAO



"He advised me what he was going to do but he didn't advise me that it was contrary to policy," Kelly said. "I knew it was being done, absolutely, but I didn't know it was contrary to policy.

He said he won't step down because he has a job to do and he didn't feel it was inappropriate that he chaired Thursday's incamera meeting.

When reporters asked repeatedly if he knew the money was coming from the Metro Centre, Kelly would only say he thought at the time Anstey advanced the money according to policy.

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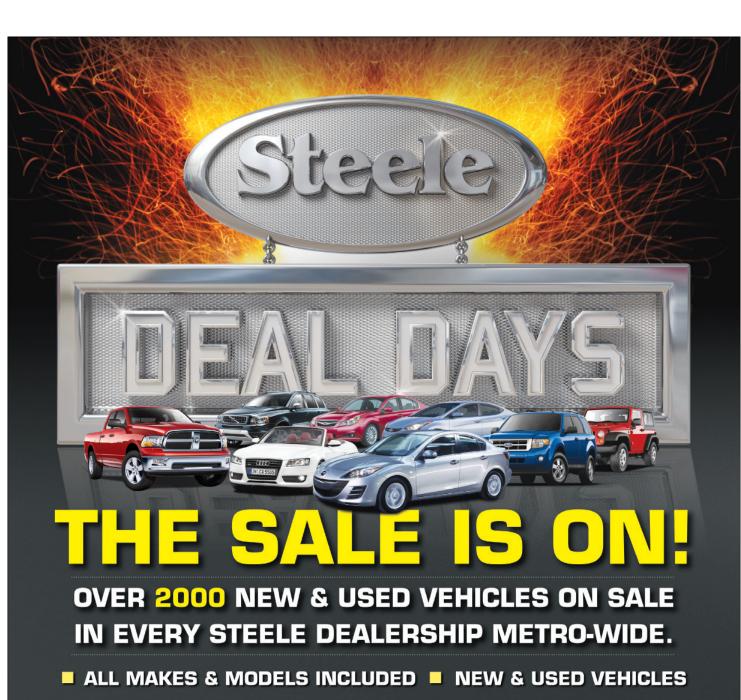
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## Painting the town green

St. Patrick's Day revellers begin celebration at 6 a.m. Thursday • Streets of downtown Halifax filled with people in green for Irish holiday





Like many Haligonians, Berni Baker isn't Irish, but he's "Irish today."

The Halifax man arrived at the Old Triangle Irish Alehouse Thursday at 9 a.m. to celebrate St. Patrick's Day but had to endure a one-and-a-half hour line before ordering his first Guinness.

But it was worth the

"It gets better every year," said Baker, who has been honouring Ireland's patron saint at the Triangle for a few decades.

Hundreds of people

packed into the Halifax bar Thursday afternoon. Many more waited outside.

Irishman Andrew Nowlan walked through the doors at 6:40 a.m.

"Even though it's not recognized in Nova Scotia as a holiday, from an Irish perspective it's still something that's important to said Nowlan, who left the bar briefly that morning to attend a work meeting. "I have to make sure that my family continues that tradition.

Flocks of people were stumbling into Durty Nelly's late Thursday afternoon. Sporting a green beard, hat, shirt, chain and sunglasses was

### Fashionably Irish

Mackenzie Mitson

Ryan Chisholm.

Chisholm, who is half Irish, said he's celebrating for his heritage and for

Woman outside the Old triangle Irish Alehouse: Green coiled shamrock antlers with a trinity knot painted on her face.

Almost everyone inside the Triangle: Large green foam top hats.

Man walking down Barrington Street: Green shirt bearing the words "Kiss me, I'm not Irish."

Two women outside Durty Nelly's: Green top hats and shirts bearing a "St. Patrick's Day" cup around their necks for easy access.

the party.

"He's the patron saint of green beers, isn't he?"

### **Most HRM** residents give centre thumbs up

The majority of HRM residents are either "completely" or "mostly" in support of the development of a new convention centre for downtown Halifax, a survey reveals.

The poll conducted by Corporate Research Associates says 19 per cent agree completely and 39 per cent mostly support the proposed development.

One-third of residents are either mostly (20 per cent) or completely (13 per cent) opposed.

The poll conducted last month saw 403 adults surveyed. The margin of error is plus-or-minus 4.9 per cent. • metro

### **Show of support**

Bedford and Sackville have the strongest support. The weakest is in Dartmouth.

### **Making** paper cranes for Japan

The Japanese Society of Halifax is holding a fundraiser for victims of the devastating earthquake and tsunami in Japan.

The event goes Friday and Saturday at the Seaport Farmers Market.

Society members will be folding and selling origami paper cranes with all profits going to the Japanese Red Cross.

The goal will be to create senbazuru groups of 1,000 cranes strung together.

The senbazuru will be sent to the people of Japan as a message of hope and encouragement from Halifax. THE CANADIAN PRESS





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## Join your community in the fight against cancer.

Every year, friends, family and colleagues across Nova Scotia come together at the Canadian Cancer Society Relay For Life to celebrate cancer survivors, remember lost loved ones and fight back against cancer. We need you to join the fight too!

Register for your local Relay For Life at cancer.ca/relay

There are 22 Relay For Life events taking place across Nova Scotia in June. Your local HRM events are:

HALIFAX, JUNE 3 Halifax Commons

THE BAY (TANTALLON), JUNE 4 Sir John A MacDonald High School

EAST HANTS, JUNE 10 Enfield/Elmsdale District Lions Club

SACKVILLE, JUNE 10 Metropolitan Field

EASTERN SHORE, IUNE 17 Eastern Shore Community Centre, Musquodoboit Harbour

DARTMOUTH, JUNE 24 CFB Shearwater





## Dexter says he turned down Kelly's funding request

◆ Acting CAO linked decision to retire to unauthorized payments ◆ Council only learned recently of money use

Premier Darrell Dexter waded into Halifax's concert bailout scandal Thursday, saying he turned down a funding request from Mayor Peter Kelly just days before one of two moneylosing events was held last summer.

Dexter said Kelly phoned him July 20 asking him to reconsider a \$200,000 loan guarantee that had already been turned down by the province.

Dexter said for a second time he turned down Kelly, who is embroiled in controversy over \$400,000 in repayable grants that were given to the promoter of the concerts without the

"What we were aware of was that the city had decided to go on their own and we don't know any more about it than that." DARRELL DEXTER

knowledge or consent of city council.
"My position when I was

"My position when I was taking that call was one of just reiterating to the mayor what he had already been told ... that we were not in a position to do that," said Dexter.

Poor advance ticket sales for the two concerts — one

of which was headlined by the Black Eyed Peas meant the events would be cancelled unless the region picked up the financial

Dexter wouldn't offer an opinion on why Kelly had made the last-minute call, given that authorization for the payments was made just a day later on July 21.

"All I was doing was trying to be firm and polite with the mayor in saying no, this doesn't fit with our priorities," said Dexter. "I don't know the back story on what's going on with council or what their considerations are."

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## Professor described as positive, engaged in campus

Friends and colleagues of a professor known for improving educational opportunities for African Nova Scotians are mourning her death and struggling with news her husband stands accused of her murder.

Patrick Chareka, 47, of Antigonish was remanded Thursday during a court appearance after being charged with the first-degree murder of Ottilia Chareka.

Police found the 42-yearold professor with serious injuries Wednesday when they responded to a 911 call from a home in Antigonish. She later died in hospital.

Her colleague at St. Francis Xavier University described her as a dynamic person who was involved in several campus committees, and focused her work on the disenfranchised.

University president Sean Riley said the mother of four daughters was also



central to the creation of a bachelor of education program for African Nova Scotian studies.

"She was quite engaged in the campus, but her work took her around the province to many of the under-represented groups in the education field," he said.

"She was one of those personalities that just has a very dynamic approach to life. She was an extremely positive person."

A website about Ottilia Chareka says she was from Zimbabwe and came to

### Escape abuse

► In light of Ottilia Chareka's death, the Transition House Association of Nova Scotia is urging women living in violent situations to reach out for help.

"If you think you are in a situation that may be dangerous ... please don't hesitate to pick up the phone and call," said a transition house spokesperson.

Canada to study at the University of New Brunswick. It says she specialized in multicultural education and the integration of immigrants, but also taught courses on research methods in education.

Patrick Chareka has elected trial by judge and jury and is due back in court March 30 to set a date for a preliminary hearing.

## Police investigate if three shootings linked

Police are looking to see if there are any connections between the shooting at Citadel High School and two shootings on Romans Avenue in Halifax.

Two 911 calls came in just after midnight on Thursday reporting gunshots in the 3000 block of Romans Avenue. Two people were inside a house when shots were fired at it from a fleeing vehicle.

No one was hurt and the people in the house couldn't give a description of the vehicle.

It's the second shooting in this neighbourhood in two weeks. Last Friday, a 16-year-old Halifax boy was shot in the shoulder as he and a friend were walking

### Too early to say

➤ Const. Brian Palmeter said they're exploring the possibility the shootings are connected but it is very early in the investigation.

near the intersection of Bayers Road and Romans Avenue.

Then a few days later, shots were fired outside Citadel High School.

Police received temporary permission from the courts to release the 16-year-old suspect's name and photo.

Police are still searching for the teen.

JENNIFER TAPLIN

### Calder's hearing postponed

The sentencing hearing for former lawyer Anne Calder is being pushed back.

The appearance was scheduled for April 4, but that date will now be used to order a pre-sentencing report and to set a new date for a sentencing hearing.

Calder was convicted of three trafficking charges last week.

She was charged in July 2010 after guards at the Central Nova Correctional Facility spotted her passing an envelope of drugs — the painkiller hydromorphone — to her client.

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### Minister vows bill for better drug costs

Nova Scotia's health minister says the province will introduce legislation this spring aimed at getting fairer drug prices.

Maureen MacDonald wouldn't release details, but says she has consulted with other provinces, including Ontario, to see what they are doing to combat high generic drug prices.

She said Ontario has taken a number of steps, including a cap on the price it will pay for generic drugs and measures governing rebates to pharmacies. The minister said a

discussion about caps was part of a consultation process that was conducted last fall with 16 groups representing pharmacies, seniors, drug manufacturers and doctors.

MacDonald would only say the government will be taking into account what it heard during the consultations.

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## The dollars and cents of it all



Which of the following statements best describes how you feel about your main job?

# 78% 68% 5032% 22% WOMEN MEN WOMEN MEN LIVE TO WORK WORK TO LIVE

▶ Polling shows majority content with jobs, but do it for paycheque
 ▶ Sample size is 503 HRM adults, with a margin of error of plus-or-minus five per cent

## BY THE NUMBERS

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to work.

Most people in HRM are working to live, not living to work.

Accord-

ing to polling research, 73 per cent of us say we go to work each day to live. Only 27 per cent say they live

Work-life balance is the order of the day in almost every white-collar HR department in the land.

Folks in HRM are more satisfied with their work than just about all other workers in Canada.

When asked to rate their job satisfaction on a scale of one to 10, with 10 being extremely satisfied, 58 per cent scored eight or higher.

And we are particularly satisfied with the relationship we have with our co-workers — 78 per cent indicating high levels on the same scale.

The most interesting findings in this research are the gender differences.

Thirty-two per cent of men say they live to work, compared to 22 per cent

### Advancement

Polling results found a greater percentage of females (35) indicated they are satisfied with their prospects for advancement compared to men (31).

of women. Our poll also shows 39 per cent of females feel valued by their employers, versus 52 per cent of males.

As expected, this correlates with general job satisfaction.

On the job satisfaction scale of one to 10, 58 per cent of men scored eight or higher compared to 51 per cent of women.

And how are folks around HRM dealing with technology in the work-place and elsewhere?

Women appear to be dealing with it better — 36 per cent of men feel their wireless handheld device chains them more to their work, compared with 23 per cent of women. And women (50 per cent) are more likely to turn off their BlackBerry or similar devices once they leave work.

Rick Emberley is senior counsel at Marketquest-Omnifacts, an Atlantic Canada research firm. He has conducted public opinion research in the region for more than 25 years.

## Film explores highs, lows of global gay experience

Most people are unaware of the violence gays are facing in certain countries, according to a gay activist from Halifax.

"When I learned that people were being arrested and beaten up (for being gay), I really wanted to make sure that we started talking more about these things in North America," said Ken Coolen, who is now president of the Vancouver Pride Society.

In an award-winning documentary called Beyond Gay: The Politics Of Pride, Coolen and his VPS colleagues travel the globe to places where virulent homophobia still exists.

"The documentary is created to remind people although we have it easy in Canada, there's still lots of people who are still fighting for what we're taking for granted," Coolen said.

Bob Christie, director of Beyond Gay, said the film is not necessarily just about gay rights but has a strong focus on gay pride — from the extremes of protest to the heights of



### Showtime

➤ The film premieres at Empire 8 Park Lane Friday at 3 p.m. The free showing is part of a weekend-long national pride conference in Halifax titled Fierte Canada Pride.

celebration.

The film takes a more serious undertone as they travel to Moscow, where homophobic protests turn violent, he said. But it also brings the viewer to the highs of gay pride celebrations like the parade in Brazil.

"I always wanted the film to kind of be a celebration," he said.

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### **Gala will** honour victim of Haiti quake

The RCMP and the Friends of Mark Gallagher Society will hold a charity ball to pay respects to the fallen officer who died serving in Haiti.

The World Trade and Convention Centre is

hosting the Sgt. Mark Gallagher Charity Ball on Sept. 10 in support of the construction of a vocational school in his memory in Froide, Haiti.

In July of 2009, the Nova Scotia-based officer left to embark upon a nine-month mission in Haiti to train police offi-

He died beneath the rubble of his rented apartment when an earthquake rocked the country on Jan. 12.

So far, more than \$1 million has been raised for the school. • METRO

### **Business operators** charged

Police have laid fraud charges against two business operators from Cole Harbour.

The RCMP have advised that Stephen John Cole and Elizabeth Ann Cole are each facing four charges, including fraud under \$5,000 and theft under \$5,000

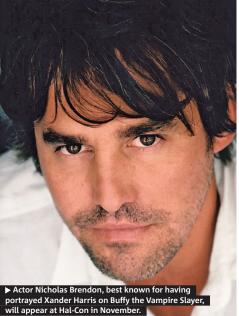
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### **Report on** shooting due Friday

An RCMP watchdog report into the 2008 shooting death of John Simon of Wagmatcook is expected to be released Friday.

Kate McDerby of the Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP said the report will be sent to Simon's family and media Friday morning. CAPE BRETON POST

## **World Trade to host** unconventional con



Years in the making, Hal-Con first kicked off in October 2010 Location change in works for 2011

Science fiction is growing roots in Halifax.

This year Hal-Con is moving to bigger digs to accommodate the thousands of Trekkies, comic book lovers and fantasy fanatics. Instead of the Lord Nelson Hotel, the Nov. 12 to 13 volunteer-run event will take over the World Trade and Convention Centre.

"We're keeping the feel of a small con while giving our ticket holders what they've asked for: more room for gaming, more room for vendors and more room for geeks and nerds to be geeks and nerds." said Amanda Schreiber, the con's venue

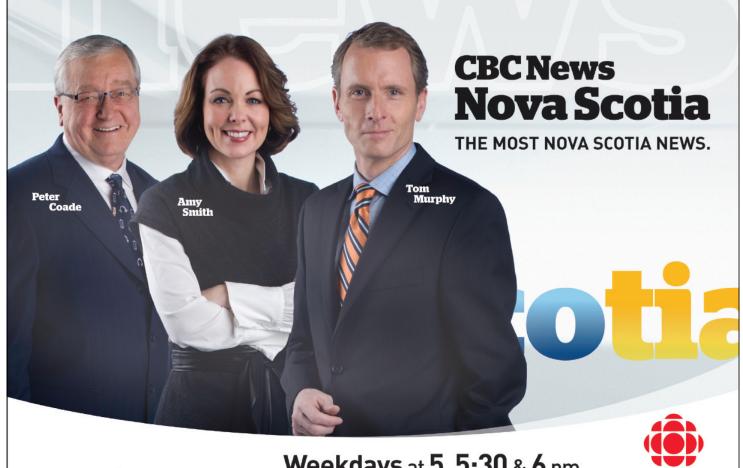
### More talent

Kill Shakespeare comic book creators Conor McCreery and Anthony Del Col are also coming, along with gaming creator Steve Jackson and author Kenneth Tam.

co-ordinator and co-chair. in a news release yesterday.

Hold on to your phasers. This year's event will feature Xander Harris from Buffy the Vampire Slayer, also known as Nicholas Brendon. He'll be joined J.G. Hertzler (a.k.a. Chancellor Martok from Star Trek: Deep Space Nine), and New Brunswick actorwrestler Robert Maillet.

Fantasy model Drakaina Muse will be back this year.









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## **Adoring crowds** await Aristide's arrival in Hait

• U.S. tried to keep him away until weekend election • 'We can't hold him hostage,' says South Africa

A plane carrying Haiti's Jean-Bertrand Aristide has taken off from South Africa, ending his seven years in exile and carrying him home to adoring crowds — and to questions about what influence he will have on a fragile coun-

U.S. President Barack Obama had tried to keep the hugely popular but controversial figure away from his country until it holds a presidential election this weekend.

Aristide's lawyer, Ira Kurzban, has said Aristide will be back in Haiti by noon Friday.

Aristide, a former slum priest, was twice elected



president of Haiti.

Thousands and thousands of people were expected to welcome him.

"We can't hold him hostage if he wants to go," South African cabinet minister Collins Chabane had Thursday, noting Haiti's government had delivered Aristide's diplomat-

ic passport last month. U.S. National Security Council spokesperson Tommy Vietor said: "The United States ... has deep concerns that President Aristide's return to Haiti in the closing days of the election could be destabilizing.

Aristide's terms in office were rocky - he was ousted in a coup and was restored to power in a U.S. military intervention in

After completing his term he was re-elected years later, only to flee a rebellion in 2004 aboard a U.S. plane. Aristide claimed he was kidnapped. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



## There's

President Barack Obama found out years ago he had an Irish great-greatgreat-grandfather who fled the potato famine in 1850.

He can now claim 28 living relatives also descended from that Irishman. Obama's relatives are revealed in a study released by Ancestry.com.

Among Obama's newly identified relatives is 83year-old Dorma Lee Reese, of Tucson, Ariz.

"I'm not a Democrat, so I can't say I clapped," said Reese, a retired brainimaging technologist

Another distant relative is a Republican — Roma Joy Palmer, 66, of Mulvane, Kansas, retired from the insurance business. "He's not my favourite president," said Palmer.

Obama said at a St. Patrick's Day lunch: "My great-great-grandfather really was from Ireland'

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REBEL REACTION

### Gadhafi vows final assault

Moammar Gadhafi vowed to launch a final assault on the opposition's capital Benghazi and crush the rebellion as his forces advanced toward the city and warplanes bombed its airport Thursday.

After weeks of

hesitancy over imposing a no-fly zone in Libya, the United States called for more expanded action, including strikes on Gadhafi's ground forces besieging rebelheld cities. The UN Security

Council scheduled a vote Thursday night on a resolution that would open the way for that, establishing a no-fly zone but also authorizing member states to take all necessary measures to protect civilians from attacks by Gadhafi's forces. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### **Protest** camps in to clashes Yemen hit

Security forces and government lovalists struck protest camps across Yemen on

Thursday. The move was designed to break the will of thousands camped in squares for over a month, demanding their longtime authoritarian leader leave power. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## **Iraq reacts**

Concerns over clashes in Bahrain between Shiite protesters and security forces from Sunni Arab states spilled over into Iraq on Thursday.

About 3,000 people in Karbala, 90 kilometres south of Baghdad, gathered between the city's two main Shiite mosques in protest and about 200 people demonstrated in downtown Baghdad, THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## Bahrain crackdown grows, arrests made



European Union and NATO urge authorities to refrain from violence

Bahrain's Sunni monarchy "We are not afraid, detained at least seven prominent opposition activists Thursday, and Iran cautious because recalled its ambassador to protest the Gulf troops backing the government against the Shiite protests that forced martial law-style rule in the nation.

Bahrain's royal family is gambling that it can survive the sectarian faultlines that splinter the kingdom and the region, with help from the 1,500strong force led by the Saudis.

As night fell, residents of Shiite villages outside the capital Manama braced for new violence, stocking up on provisions. Young men armed with sticks, stones and kitchen knives geared up to confront Bahrain's army.

As the curfew went into

but we are we know they came here to kill us."

MOHAMMED SAID FROM THE SHIITE VILLAGE OF SITRA

effect, people shouted "God Is Great" from across Manama's rooftops.

Doctors at the country's main hospital said it remained under control of security forces, blocking physicians from leaving a complex whose Shiite personnel are viewed with suspicion by authorities.

In a rare hint of an agreement, both Washington and Tehran demned the military force unleashed at protesters.

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## FLIGHT CENTRE Unbeatable

clashes with police Thursday. Security forces are moving

through Shiite villages, cracking down and making arrests.

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## **Trust issues**

### Liberal leader asks if Harper can be trusted with power PM staffer accused of influence peddling

Influence peddling allegations against a former Conservative government staffer raise questions about whether Prime Minister Stephen Harper can

be trusted with power, Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff said Thursday.

Ignatieff said the allegations speak to the "serious ethical lapses" of the Harper government. "This is raising fundamental questions about whether Stephen Harper can be trusted with power," said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### Going to his head

A man impersonating Quebec Finance Minister Raymond Bachand was among a few hundred union workers demonstrating outside the convention centre in Quebec City Thursday, hours before Bachand tabled the budget at the legislature.



### **Supreme Court will** hear niqab arguments

The country's top court has agreed to hear the case of a woman who wanted to wear a niqab while testify-

The woman, known as N.S., was to testify against two relatives she accuses of sexually assaulting her.

She wanted to wear her niqab while on the stand, but the two men argued it violated their right to face their accuser in court.

The case went to the Court of Appeal for Ontario, which ruled witnesses who wear the veil must remove it on the stand, but only if wearing it truly jeopardizes the accused's right to a fair trial.

That court sent the case back to the preliminary inquiry judge, and ordered the judge to let N.S. make arguments about her religious beliefs, but she took the case to the Supreme Court of Canada.

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## Battle to cool nukes goes on

● Top U.S. nuclear regulatory official warns it could be weeks before crisis at Japanese plant is under control ● Thousands remain homeless

Emergency workers seemed to try everything they could think of Thursday to douse Japan's most dangerously overheated nuclear reactors: helicopters, heavy-duty fire trucks, even water cannons normally used to quell rioters. But they couldn't be sure any of it was easing the peril at the tsunami-ravaged facility.

Three reactors have had at least partial melt-downs at the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant, where wisps of white steam rose from the stricken units Friday morning. But Japanese and U.S. officials believe a greater danger exists in the pools used to store

"We are doing all we can as we pray for the situation to improve. Choices are limited. We just have to stick to what we can do most quickly and efficiently." TERLIAKI KOBAYASHI, FACILITIES MANAGEMENT OFFICIAL AT TOKYO ELECTRIC POWER CO.

spent nuclear fuel: Fuel rods in one pool were believed to be at least partially exposed, if not dry, and others were in danger. Without water, the rods could heat up and spew radiation.

spew radiation.

A senior official with
the UN's nuclear safety
agency said there had
been "no significant worsening" at the Fukushima
Dai-ichi nuclear plant but
that the situation re-

mained "very serious." Tokyo Electric Power

Tokyo Electric Power said it believed workers were making headway in staving off a catastrophe both with the spraying and, especially, with efforts to complete an emergency power line to restart the plant's own electric cooling systems.

"This is a first step toward recovery," said Teruaki Kobayashi, a facilities management official at the power company. He said radiation levels "have somewhat stabilized at their lows" and that some of the spraying had reached its target, with one reactor emitting steam.

The crisis triggered by last week's earthquake and tsunami has forced thousands to evacuate and drained Tokyo's normally vibrant streets of life, its residents either leaving town or holing up in their homes.

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The official death toll from the disasters stood at 5,692 as of Friday morning, with 9,522 missing, the national police agency said.

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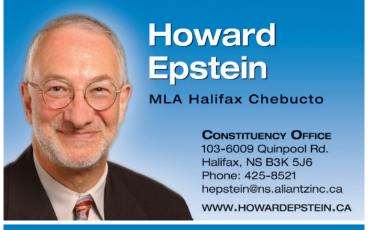
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## Canadian teachers safe

Hundreds of Canadians taking part in an exchange and teaching program run by the Japanese government are confirmed safe following the country's earthquake and tsunami, but it's uncertain if or when they will be coming home.

Jung-Suk Ryu, spokesman for the Japanese Embassy in Ottawa, says 475 Canadians are taking part this year in the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) program, but he couldn't provide information on whether any of them are cutting short their terms and returning to Canada.

Privately run programs also exist to arrange stints for foreigners who want to teach English in Japan, but it's not known how many Canadians are currently involved in those programs. As well, some individuals seek employment independently.

For those in the IET pro-

Canada joined the JET program in 1988 and is among 36 participating countries, according to the Japanese Embassy's website.

gram, Ryu said Japanese officials are monitoring the situation very closely on all different fronts.

Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade said Thursday that it has chartered two buses to transport Canadian citizens and other foreign nationals out of the areas affected by the quake and tsunami.

"We are working closely with our allies to co-ordithis effort,' spokeswoman Claude Rochon. "A number of Canadians have already departed." THE CANADIAN PRESS



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## Recovery still on track: CIBC

Even with higher oil prices and increasing government fiscal restraint, the Canadian economy should pull through, analyst says

Recent events in Japan have added to growing concerns about the strength of the recovery, but should not push either the Canadian or global economies back into recession, CIBC says.

In its latest monthly report, CIBC World Markets predicts growth will remain relatively strong in Canada despite a slowing in other countries due to rising oil prices and restraint in government spending.

While Canada is not immune to issues facing the global economy, the report forecasts real GDP growth of four per cent in the first quarter of 2011.

As a result, CIBC senior economist Peter Buchanan expects the Bank of Canada to hike its overnight rate by

May. Until now, most analysts have been predicting the bank would hold off on a rate hike until at least mid-year.

The CIBC report notes that the global economy was already facing uncertainty on a number of fronts even before last Friday's disaster in Japan. "Those developments

have led to a scaling back of earlier optimism and an increase, for now at least, in risk aversion," Buchanan

Among other things, he

notes that surging gasoline prices raise questions about the pace of U.S. consumer spending. Meanwhile, with the focus on containing red ink, governments in the industrialized world are reaching for the spending axe." THE CANADIAN PRESS

### Higher oil prices not always bad

Oil prices would have to reach \$160 a barrel to derail the economic recovery, says CIBC senior economist Peter

Buchanan — a scenario he does not see playing out. "Oil has risen dramati-

cally before, only to crash back to earth, and there are still good reasons why history may repeat

itself," he says.

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Inventories in industrial countries were strong when the Middle East turmoil began and OPEC has no interest in recession-inducing prices that crush demand.

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### **MINUTES WITH:** OM MURPHY

Tom Murphy is no stranger to news junkies in Halifax. For almost two years, the 42year-old has been hosting the suppertime show CBC News: Nova Scotia. Prior to that, he worked in the city as a CBC reporter for about 10

### Have you been enjoying the experience of being a news anchor?

It's been fantastic. I came in at a time when there was great change in the show ... there is a very dif-ferent feel around the newsroom and around the supper hour show in particular. I think the

audience is coming to see that and coming to see the renewed commitment that we have to suppertime news.

### Your twin brother Bob Murphy works with you at CBC. Could he fill in for you and no one would notice.

The gag what I used to tell people is there is actually just one guy knocking down two salaries at CBC ... but no, there are two of us working hard each day. But it's been good fun, I have to say.

Who is older? Bob is four minutes older and reminds me of it everyday.

### Have you been getting noticed more since moving into the news chair?

I've been in the business for about 20 years as a reporter — and there are times when a reporter would get recognized and be known for their work . but when you become a host, it becomes different somehow. You are the person people associate with as being a guest in their home nightly.

Are news anchors like the office quarterback?

We have a few quarterbacks here. I guess you could say I'm one of them, for sure.

### And, of course, you don't need makeup for on air? You may not know this, but I have flawless skin (laughing).

### So no time is spent in the

**makeup chair?**We don't have a makeup artist anymore ... so as well as the learning how to become an anchor, I've learned how to do makeup as well. What a wonderful skill to have. PHILIP CROUCHER



## Mercury's magnetism

### Worth mentioning

A desk-sized NASA space-craft is riding the brakes all the way to Mercury, about to pull a tricky ma-noeuvre Thursday night to become the first manmade object to orbit the tiny planet.

After a trip of 7.9 billion kilometres and nearly six and a half years, the Messenger spacecraft will try to careen into an eggshaped orbit and fight off the gigantic gravitational pull of the sun. To do so, it will have to use more than half of the fuel it was launched with in 2004 to reduce speed dramatically in just 15 minutes.

If all works well Messenger will circle as close as 193 kilometres from the surface and sur-





vey the entire planet for a year, beginning April 4. It will learn about Mercury's mysterious magnetic field and - most tantalizing of all - discover if the closest planet to the sun has ice in its permanently dark frigid craters near its

If all doesn't go well, it is more likely that the \$446-million spacecraft

flies away from Mercury and ends up circling the sun. NASA should know whether it succeeds in about an hour. If something goes wrong, engineers have fallback plans they can use in the next three days to three months to try to get the spacecraft back in some kind of orbit around Mer-CULTY. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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### Metro Minute with Linda Brooks

Halifax singer-songwriter Linda Brooks is performing at The Carleton Sunday night.

Known for her melodic. adult-contemporary music. Brooks will be performing songs from her latest album The Spaces In Between. Accompanying her on guitar will be James Logan and on cello, Norman Adams. Brooks has toured with such artists as Natalie MacMaster, John McDermott and Ashley MacIsaac.

Her debut album Under A Painted Moon received an ECMA nomination for best female artist.

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## Limitless attraction

Richard Crouse and Mark Breslin debate the merits of Limitless • The action-thriller comes complete with scenes of psychedelia

Richard Crouse: Mark, I enjoyed the heck out of Limitess despite the fact that I'm not exactly sure what message the movie is trying to send.

Its first act would make Timothy Leary proud — drugs open up the mind, man — then becomes a Nancy Reagan "Just Say No" drama before winding down to an ambiguous ending. I wasn't expecting quiem for a Dream, but would have liked a clearer point of view.

Mark Breslin: Actually I appreciated its ambigu-ous point of view, espe-cially since the middle section was a bit preachy. I think the movie was ilustrating that whoever goes up must come down — usually with a crashing headache. And, that we're all addicted to something. I felt

### **Plot synopsis**

Bradley Cooper plays a slacker writer with a crappy apartment, an ex-wife and soon-to-be ex-girlfriend. His life changes when he begins taking a drug that allows him to access the other 80 per cent. Suddenly he can learn languages in hours and can retrieve

the Bradley Cooper character was as addicted to his success and material comforts as to the drug itself.

RC: Certainly he becomes a kind of yuppified Keith Richards, a chemically enhanced knowledge junkie with a taste for the good life, which I thought that was an interesting take for a drug movie. I'm not sure I could have accepted Cooper in a grittier role. I thought he carried the movie — he's a good leading man, can do comedy everything he has ever read, seen or thought about. His intellectual ability is, as the title says, limitless. Also limitless are the people who will do almost anything to lay their hands on the drug.

Ratings: Richard: @@@½ Mark: @@@@

and has the chops to do drama.

MB: I agree, Richard. He's in almost every scene of the movie, and it stands or falls on his abilities. Though I have to give some kudos to the director, Neil Burger, who fills the first half of the movie with appsychedelia. the movie, I propriate Watching movie, sometimes felt like I had taken that drug, or maybe there was just something off in the hot golden top-

RC: I liked much of the look of the movie, the drug haze scenes are effective, and the 18-hour blackout sequence is a kind of a tour de force, complete with Bruce Lee flashbacks, but I thought the attempts to illustrate his newfound in-

telligence a bit gimmicky.
Letters falling from the
ceiling while he is furiously writing. Really?

**MB**: And I've seen that somewhere before, I just can't remember where. (Maybe if I were on the drug, I would.) Also, in the '60s there was a movie called Charly about a slowwitted man who becomes a genius after an operation.

But it was the '60s so he doesn't try to corner the stock market. And if I see one more Russian villain, I'm going to organize a lob-

by on their behalf. No matter. I really liked







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## Hauer is a Hobo from hell

• Grindhouse comes to Canada and it's armed with a shotgun • Be prepared for side-splitting laughter as this Hobo goes on a rampage



If nothing else, Hobo With A Shotgun lives up to the title. Buy a ticket and you'll see a homeless Rutger Hauer use a shotgun to splatter gallons of blood all over the screen and into the audience's hearts.

It's a down and dirty exploitation movie with a deliciously sick sense of humour guaranteed to offend

and delight.

What's surprising is that this trashy fun is Canadian and a personal project for debut director Jason Eisner.

The project began in Eisner's childhood when he and longtime friendturned-co-writer John Davis fueled their impressionable minds with gory

genre movies.
"We had a shed in my parents back yard that we basically lived in with a VCR, a television and a couple of bunks," Eisner told Metro. "We would go to a video store down the street everyday and watch movies all night. We cleaned out their sci-fi, action and horror sections in one summer.'

Adolescent movie

## **ALIENS**



marathons would turn into filmmaking ambitions for the pair, who initially made Hobo With A Shotgun as a fake trailer that won a competition associated with Robert Rodriguez and Quentin Tarantino's Grindhouse in 2007. "We were starting to make a feature length version for no money with

friends on the weekends when we went to the Grindhouse premiere in L.A.," explained Eisner.

"That night I got a call from Alliance saying that



screen E.T.s are either nurturanother planet sent here to help mankind, or vicious world domination types, inthird kind of movie alien -

In this weekend's release of Paul, nerd superstars Si-mon Pegg and Nick Frost play Brit sci-fi geeks on a pilgrimage to some of America's UFO hotspots. Along the way they help Paul (voice of Seth Rogen), an irreverent alien with a taste for silly gags and Bob Dylan

jokes, to get back to his home planet. Think of it as E.T. for frat boys and you get the idea.

In the world the movie creates, the idea of a wisecracking alien makes per-fect sense, but adding an E.T. doesn't always fit so well. Take Meatballs Part 2, The addition of a grey, rubber-skinned alien hardly improves on the original Bill Murray classic.

The fun loving aliens of Earth Girls Are Easy are put to better use. The movie's plot is best summed up by manicurist Valerie (Geena Davis): "A UFO landed in my pool and they captured me but we made friends and I fed them Pop-Tarts and red them Pop-Tarts and ... we've got to cut their hair." Once shaved the former

furry wookies look a lot like and Damon Wayans, and are ready to hit the L.A. clubs in search of love. They may be aliens, Candy says, "but they can still be dates!" One of the most memo-

rable movie aliens is Mathesar, the Thermian leader played by Enrico Colantoni in Galaxy Quest. Learning everything he knows about Earth from TV, he turns to the cast of a sci-fi show to help save his planet.

The best scene is when one of the actors, Gwen De-Marco (Sigourney Weaver), explains that TV shows are not "historical documents." "Surely you don't think Gilligan's Island is a ..

"Those poor people," Mathesar interrupts.



they wanted to release our trailer with Grindhouse theatrically and talk about developing the idea into a feature film."

With that simple phone call, Eisner transformed from a hungry film fan into a professional filmmak-

Next week his bloodsoaked vision debuts across Canada, promising one of the most depraved and giddily entertaining cinematic experiences to ever come out of our coun-

It's something the filmmaker hopes won't be an isolated incident.

"Hopefully this might open some doors to make more movies like this in Canada, I'd love it, because we could make some pretty insane cinema up here if given the chance."

### Grindhouse

The term grindhouse exploded with Quentin . Tarantino and Robert Rodriguez's 2007 instant cult classics Planet Terror and

► E.T. leads the way home in this 1982 classic.

**Movie review** 

See it twice ����� | See it now ���� | Worth watching ��� | Yawn �� | Don't bother �



### McConaughey gets sketchier role in Lincoln

The Lincoln Lawyer
Director: Bead Furman
Stars: Matthew
McConaughey, Ryan Philippe.

Brad Furman's legal thriller cruises along for the first half of its running time on a smartly chosen rap soundtrack and the charisma of leading man Matthew McConaughey.

Coming off a period in which he's been reinvented as a romantic comedy star, McConaughey is obviously having fun with a sketchier part: his Mickey Haller is a tarnished-white-knight figure, a scandal-plagued Los Angeles attorney who lines his pockets by winning settlements for a conspicuously scuzzy clientele.

The Lincoln Lawyer is adapted from a potboiler by Michael Connelly, and it never transcends its source material's airportpaperback plotting: it's pretty obvious here things are going from the first, tense scene between McConaughey's Mickey Haller and Ryan Philippe as a callow trust-fund kid accused of sexual assault.

Marisa Tomei and William H. Macy contribute nicely sketched supporting performances (as Mickey's exwife and investigator, respectively), but the contrivance-laden story finally stretches credibility past the breaking point.

### Pegg and Frost are back again

Paul Director: Greg Mottola Stars: Simon Pegg, Nick Frost, Seth Rogen 毎番番光

Paul reunites the comedy duo of Simon Pegg and Nick Frost with considerable expectations following the cult success of Hot Fuzz and Shaun Of The Dead. It's the first film they've written together and their first without Edgar Wright (Scott Pilgrim) in the director's chair. As a result, it never quite hits the movie-drunk highs of their previous efforts, but certainly plays far better than any other comedy currently in theatres. Pleasant diversions don't come much more joyfully geeky than this. • Phil Brown





### **Funkytown**

Director: Daniel Roby Stars: Patrick Huard, Justin Chatwin, Heidi Hawkins

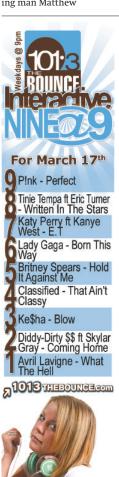
Funkytown revives Mon-

treal's disco era with a vivid cocktail of polyester, cocaine, and tragedy. The film revolves around an afternoon disco TV show, it's egotistical host, a failing doo-wop singer, a sleazy nightclub owner, a flamboyant fashion reporter, a talent-starved blond sexpot, and a closeted gay dancer. The characters all mingle through sex n' drugs before everyone's breezy disco dreams are inevitably crushed by

hard reality in the 80s. It's a world that's been explored many times before in movies (masterfully in Boogie Nights and embarrassingly in 54) and Daniel Roby's edition of the tale is decent, if unspectacular.

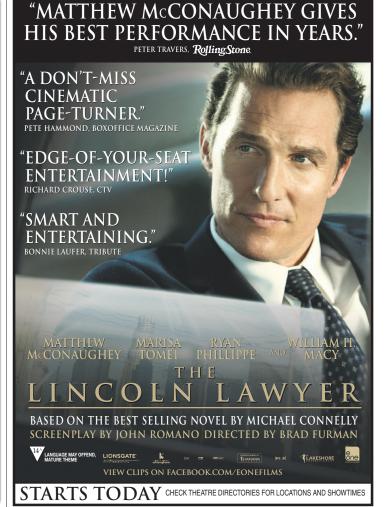
If you're in the mood for campy comedy, violent tragedy, sexual confusion, drug-fueled downfalls, and bad music, you could do far worse than Funkytown.

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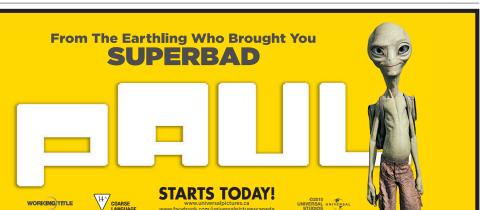
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### IT'S SPRING — SO LOOK AT THE NEW MUSIC CROP



I am, and I suspect you are, too, sick of winter. With spring arriving on at 7:21 EDT Sunday night — a little earlier than usual thanks to the celestial vagaries of the vernal equinox — we can start looking at not only warm weather but some major album releases. And after a rather dull Q1, things are looking up — especially if you're a rock fan.

ust look at what we're getting Tuesday, which is the first truly important release day of 2011. The guess is Green Day will have a studio album for us in the fall

(please, God, let it not be another rock opera) and to keep us occupied, they have Awesome As F\*\*K, a live CD/DVD from their 21st Century Breakdown tour. More live music will come from the reconstituted Soundgarden in the form of Live on I5, which is hopefully an amuse bouche for an album of new material later this

Hipsters, meanwhile, are trying not to appear curious about the return of The Strokes with Angles, their first album after a five year acrimonious walkabout. Other albums to watch include the apparently postemo version of Panic! At the Disco with Vices & Virtues and All You Need is Now, which is 80 per cent original (and well-aged) Duran Duran.

Momentum builds on March 29 with anticipated albums from Sum 41 (Screaming Bloody Murder), Boxer Rebellion (Cold Still), Generationals (Actor-Caster), and The Pains of Being Pure at Heart (Belong). And then there's the matter of Brit-



ney Spears, who will inexplicably end up with another number one album with Femme Fatale

The industry takes a bit of a breather the following week (although I am looking forward to Blood Pressures from The Kills on April 5) before all the planets line up on April 12 with the Foo Fighters

(Wasted Light) and the North American release of Build a Rocket Boys by Elbow This leads into Record Store Day on Saturday, April 16, the annual global celebration of the importance of actually going to a building where they sell music. The Foos, Springsteen, Gorillaz, REM, the Cure, My Morning Jacket,

Deftones, Flaming Lips, Franz Ferdinand, Green Day, Queen the New Pornographers and many more all have special CD and vinyl releases ready to go for the occasion.

And this year's official Record Store Day Ambassador? Why, Ozzy, of course. What's not to love?

## **SMOOTH AND** from OLAY, SECRET and VENUS. OLAV **Venüs** Relax and indulge your body in a rich lather, the scent of fresh flowers, and touchable smooth skin as you get ready for fun in the sun. There's no limit to what spring can bring when your skin can feel its hest!

## It just takes a tweet or two

Here's a question the mem bers of the duo The Civil Wars have been contemplating a lot lately: What's the value of a star's tweet? Or two? Or three?

For Joy Williams and John Paul White, tweets by Taylor Swift, Hillary Scott of Lady Antebellum and Sara Bareilles, among many others, helped drive first-week sales of their debut album, Barton Hollow, to levels they didn't expect. They sold out one tour and now have a more ambitious schedule down the road, had their video added by CMT, and now have at their fingertips limitless possibilities that good oldfashioned word of mouth brings in the Internet age.

"Instantly, with one click, five million people knew our names," White said of Swift's tweet.

Swift threw her support



told fans she was listening to Poison & Wine: "You can't push 'repeat' on vinyl so I keep setting the needle back on my record player."

And that - combined with other unexpected national word-of-mouth opportunities — helped the band sell five times as many copies of Barton Hollow in its opening week in February than expected. The album debuted at No. 12 on the Billboard 200 with about 25,000 copies sold. After five weeks it's climbing steadily at 50,000.

After catching a show in Nashville, Swift told fans she and a friend bought T-

shirts "cause we're superfanssss. They RULE live!

Perhaps not coincidentally, a tour earlier this winter sold out with fans looking in through the windows at some venues. A larger tour later this year is already approaching sell-

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## Booked on a big night

• Mel Gibson deals with misdemeanour battery charges on same evening as Beaver movie premiere





## Snooki pals with Hilton

Jersey Shore star Nicole 'Snooki" Polizzi has been hitting the scene in Los Angeles and Las Vegas lately, and she's found a kindred spirit in Paris Hilton. "I think we both like to have a good time," Polizzi tells OK! Magazine. "I think the only difference is she's a f—ing giraffe and I'm a shrimp." While not exactly best friends yet, the reality TV stars have a lot in common. "When we see each other in L.A., it's like, 'Hey, what's going on?' We hung out a couple times," Polizzi says. "She's a crazy party girl! I'm surprised people don't know'

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### **Twilight** actress and Jonas Bro split: Source



Joe Jonas and Twilight star Ashlee Greene have reportedly split up, according to Page Six. "It was mutual and amicable," a source says of the breakup. The source adds that the main factor in the split was the stars' hectic work schedules, which is awkward, since Jonas has this to say about his relationship with Greene in an interview in next month's Details: "What works about it is she really puts my feelings first. She understands my busy schedule."



California authorities say Mel Gibson was booked and released on a misdemeanour battery charge as part of the criminal case involving his former girlfriend.

Jail records show the actor-director turned himself in Wednesday to the El Segundo Police Department.

He was fingerprinted and his mug shot was taken, a requirement of a plea deal that resulted in him being on probation for three years and attending a year of domestic violence counselling.

The 55-year-old Oscar winner was accused of striking his then-girlfriend Oksana Grigorieva during a January 2010 fight, but his no contest plea on Friday did not include an admission of

Gibson opted to turn himself in on the same night his film The Beaver premiered at the South by Southwest film festival in Austin, Texas

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### **Celebrity tweets**



**Amanda Bvnes** [AMsAmanda Bynes] For the record I don't talk about who I'm dating.



Snooki [ASn00ki] Kewl my eyelashes are floating in the pacific ocean hank you Jet Ski.



Shepard [@daxshepard1] LA, you get a lot of things wrong. Weather is not one of them.

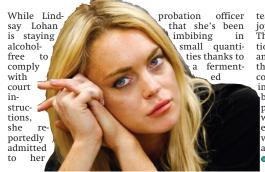


Pee-wee Herman (Apeeweeherman] There's a marching band outside the convention center! You guys didn't have to go to such trouble!

### Gettin' tipsy with her tea?

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Lohan reportedly consuming fermented beverage



tea, Kombucha, she enjoys, according to TMZ. The beverage's label mentions it contains trace amounts of alcohol, but that's enough for the court to take notice. The infraction has reportedly been added to Lohan's probation report and will be taken into consideration when a judge reriews her probation agreement.



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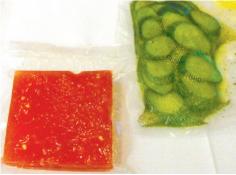
From Mini-Blizzards at Dairy Queen to the line of Petites launched by Starbucks, sweets are shrinking to fit a craving for snacksize portions. Smaller

sinalier desserts, however, started some years ago, says Kathy Hayden of Mintel research company. Eating healthier was one factor. And when the economy went sour, the smaller price tag of tiny treats became all that much sweeter. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Food trends mystery: How bacon got its sizzle and how people got sweet on cupcakes.







▶ Clock-wise: A new take on Caprese Salad; compressed fruits and veggies have an intense taste and firmer texture; melon ball caviar can be enjoyed on its own; smoked salmon and bagel powder with onions and sesame seeds.

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How would you feel about biting into a smoked salmon bagel with capers

Many would enjoy this tasty snack that is eaten sans fork or spoon.

But at Humber College in Toronto, Chef John Placko's molecular gastronomy course is helping people to rethink what they know about bagels and other foods by showing them that they can enjoy the same flavours using utensils. Beet purée, for example, is turned into spaghetti while ice cream custard — frozen solid on the outside — turns creamy and rich on the inside after being dipped in a bath of liquid nitrogen.

"Molecular gastronomy is a modern style of cooking," explains Placko. "It takes advantage of technology and ingredient innovations to create food with unique textures and flavour combinations.

"It's also about replicating the same perfect result each and every time with the use of unique equipment in the kitchen like the Pacojet, Thermomix, immersion circulators and vacuum sealers."

Made famous by chefs like Ferran Adria from El Bulli restaurant in Spain, and other world top restaurants like Fat Duck and Noma, the molecular gastronomy trend has moved across the world and reached restaurants and bars in North America.

It is most often used in different forms by mixologists to create drinks.

"Most of the Top 10 restaurants in the world today rely on their own team of dedicated chefs working on research-driven cuisine (molecular gastronomy)," Placko says.

Sampling the scientific food was an experience.

The melon caviar was full of flavour and burst on its own. It would be a perfect addition to any beverage. Meanwhile, truffle oil scented snow was pungent in aroma, but a small taste offered big flavour. The price of truffle oil can be costly so by mixing it with

maltodextrin, the flavour is absorbed, ensuring only a small amount is used.

The dish that I found most interesting was the kangaroo tenderloin, which was cooked sousvide, seared with a blowtorch and served on compressed watermelon.

In the sous-vide method, the protein is sealed in a bag with flavour to marinate and is cooked in water at a very low temperature for a long time. An example offered in the course was a poached egg that had been poached for one hour most eggs only take about three minutes to be poached in boiling water. EMILY RICHARDS IS A PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AU-THOR AND TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE ON EMILY, VISIT EMILYRICHARDSCOOK CA

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Though Chile's reputation for making consistent, quality wines at affordable prices may have done its winemakers well, try to find someone who doesn't raise an eyebrow when confronted with a Chilean wine over \$15.

It's a classic case of the country being so good at making inexpensive wines that consumers wonder why they should pay more. That's too bad because Chile makes plenty of amazing ultra premium wines that taste as impressive as their price tags.

The king of South America's upper liquid echelon is Concha y Toro's Don Melchor (\$69.95 - \$79.99). The 2007 vintage is the 20th edition of a wine that stands glass to glass with some of the world's finest cabernet sauvignon-led juice. Surprisingly drink-

Surprisingly drinkable at a young age, the 2007's dark fruit flavours show an edge of chocolate and

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Make the manicotti ahead and keep in the refrigerator overnight before baking so all you have to do is pop the pan in the oven.

### **Preparation:**

- In pot of boiling water cook pasta sheets 3 at a time until tender but firm. Remove and run under cold water and place on clean tea towel. Cut each in half.
- With water clinging to the leaves, place

### **Ingredients:**

- 1 pkg (350 g) fresh pasta sheets
- 16 cups (4 L) baby spinach • 1/4 cup (50 mL) extra vir-
- gin olive oil
- 10 cloves garlic, minced 2 tsp (10 mL) dried

spinach in large skillet, in batches and cook over medium high heat, turning occasionally for about 8 minutes or until wilted. Remove to colander and let drain.

- Return skillet to medium heat and add oil. garlic, oregano and hot pepper flakes and cook for 2 minutes. Add spinach and toss to coat. Scrape into bowl: let cool slightly. Add ricotta, egg, feta, parsley and salt and stir to combine
- Spread about 3 tbsp (45 mL) of the spinach mixture along one short

1/2 tsp (2 mL) hot pepper

• 1/3 cup (75 mL) crumbled

• 1/4 cup (50 mL) chopped

• 1 tub (500 g) ricotta

oregano leaves

flakes

cheese

• 1 egg

feta cheese

saucepan, combine

### fresh parsley

• 1/2 tsp (2 mL) salt

### Creamy rosé sauce

- 2 cups (500 mL) tomato basil or marinara pasta
- 3/4 cup (175 mL) whipping cream
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) fresh basil

side of pasta sheet and roll up. Repeat with remaining pasta sheets and filling; set aside. Creamy Rosé Sauce: In

pasta sauce and whipping cream. Bring to boil and add basil. Pour enough of the sauce to cover bottom of greased 13 x 9 inch (3 L) casserole dish. Place manicotti snugly into sauce and pour remaining sauce evenly over top. Cover with foil and bake in 350 F (180 C) oven for about 30 minutes or until bubbly. Uncover and bake 10 minutes or until slightly golden.





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### Marshall Brown's 22 points lead five players in double figures



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**Tustine Colley of** the Saint Mary's Huskies women's basketball team has been named a Canadian **Interuniversity Sport first-team** all-Canadian. The point guard from East **Preston led the** country in scoring with 25.8 points per game.



The Halifax Rainmen are suddenly on the outside of the Premier Basketball League playoff picture look-

In a grim turn of events on Thursday night at the Metro Centre, the Rainmen melted down before a crowd of 3,108, blowing a 13-point fourth-quarter lead in a 104-98 loss to the Saint John Mill Rats.

The win puts the Mill Rats, 8-7, half a game ahead of the Rainmen, 8-8, in the race for the fourth and final post-season berth.

"As a team, we get complacent ... We watch leads go all the time," said for-ward Eric Crookshank, who was a bright spot with 14 points, 19 rebounds and five blocks.
"Other teams, like (the

defending champion Law-ton-Fort Sill Cavalry), put their foot on your neck when they lead by 13 and make sure you're down.

"This is a big loss." It's the first time all sea-

son the Rainmen have dropped out of the PBL's top four. They are just 2-6 in their last eight games.

Propelled by a dominating 35-16 scoring run, the Rainmen led by as many as 16 in the third quarter. But the Mill Rats shredded their defence down the stretch, erasing the deficit in less than six minutes and piling in 35 fourthquarter points.

"We yelled at each other, coach yelled at us and we said, 'It's now or never, man," said Mill Rats guard Anthony Anderson, who scored 32 points and nailed five three-pointers. have to win them all to get into the playoffs, and we knew we had to get back into the game."

Rainmen have a

Mill Rat problem

Crookshank said his team's lack of defensive commitment is costing games.

"That can't happen," he said of the fourth quarter. "If the whole team buys in (defensively), I think we'll be a great team."

The Rainmen visit the second-place Quebec Kebs

(11-5) on Friday at 7 p.m. "We have to keep our heads up," Crookshank said. "It's not over until it's over."

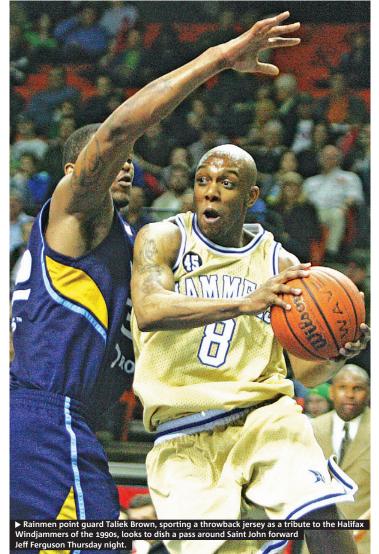
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## Final games a playoff primer for Mooseheads

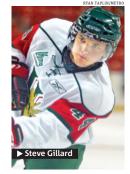
Herd, 20-41-2-3, to close out regular season at home First-round playoff opponent still not known



The Halifax Mooseheads will try to get their game playoff-ready at the Metro Centre this weekend.

The Mooseheads close out the QMJHL regular season with home games on Friday at 7 p.m. against the Bathurst Titan and Sunday at 2 p.m. against the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles.

Since they can't move up or down from 15th overall, there is little at stake other than preparing to give the second-place finisher — whoever it ends up being — a run for their



money in the first round. 'We're taking these next couple of games as preparation for the playoffs," said Mooseheads defenceman Steve Gillard. They're pretty much exhibition games for the playoffs, and we have to be focused, play like it is the playoffs. It's all prepara-

The Mooseheads have lost back-to-back games and 12 of their past 15 contests, so there's plenty of work to do.

"You don't want to go into the playoffs on a los-ing streak," said captain Travis Randell. "You want to go in playing your best hockey.'

The Mooseheads will hand out their annual team awards after Sunday's game.

### **March Madness** by the numbers

Kevin Anderson scored 16 of his 25 points in the second half, including a floater with 18.7 seconds remaining, that helped seal 12th-seeded Richmond's 69-66 win over No. 5 seed Vanderbilt on



The play No. 8 seed Butler used to beat No. 9 Old Dominion 60-58 on Thursday came squarely out of luck. Matt Howard's tip-in at the buzzer after a mad scramble was not what coach Brad Stevens had in mind when he sent his team to the floor with the score tied and 32 seconds left.



less for

more than 39 minutes, Brandon Knight made a driving lavup with two seconds remaining to lift No. 4 seed Kentucky to a 59-57 win over 13th-seeded Princeton on Thursday.



Demonte Harper of 13thseeded Morehead State watched the clock tick down then stepped up and swished a three-pointer with 4.2 seconds left to crumple No. 4 Louisville's NCAA hopes Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Marchand punished **by NHL**

Boston Bruins forward Brad Marchand was handed a two-game suspension Thursday by the NHL for an elbow to the head of Columbus Blue Jackets cen-

tre R.J. Umberger. The Hammonds Plains native approached Umberger from behind and struck him in the neck and side of the head during the second period of Boston's 3-2 victory last Tuesday. No penalty was given on the play.

Marchand will be eligi-ble to return March 22 against New Jersey.

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### Bucknell can't stop Connecticut

After carrying Connecticut to the Big East title, Kemba Walker decided to get his teammates involved in the Huskies' NCAA tournament opener against Bucknell. It was a move that earned him a place in the school record book.

Walker had a career-high 12 assists, scored 18 points and grabbed eight rebounds to lead No. 3 seed Connecticut to an 81-52 victory Thursday night. "It was tough, especially on the glass," Bucknell forward Bryson Johnson, a Pictou County native, said. "They are bigger than us at every position." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Skate a small victory for Sid

### ● Hits the ice in Pittsburgh for third 15-minute session of week

Sidney Crosby is taking it slowly, cautiously, if only because he has no other choice.

He has known no speed except exceedingly fast during his hockey career, but at 2½ months this is by far the longest he has been sidelined since entering the NHL in 2005.

Normally, he would be racing to get back in the Penguins lineup but this injury is different — concussions aren't so predictable, aren't so forgiving.

So, for now, Crosby returns to the ice only in short, measured bursts.

He wants a lot more, but his doctors — and his injury —won't allow it.

"I don't want symptoms and I don't want to rush anything," said Crosby. "I know it's going to take time. Not doing anything for two-and-a-half months, you feel it."

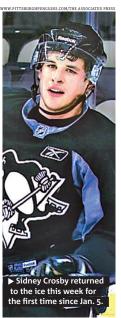
For weeks, anything resembling physical activity could bring on lingering headaches.

Then Crosby could ride an exercise bike without experiencing symptoms.

Then came an on-ice session Monday, shooting a few pucks and skating around cones. With no setbacks, he did the same Tuesday. And Thursday.

What's encouraging for Crosby is that after weeks he is finally seeing some discernable and measurable progress.

Before the injury, Crosby was having the season of his career, with 32 goals and 34 assists in 41 games.





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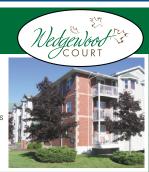
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T Aries March 21-April 20 Your lucky number is about to come up. The last few weeks have not been easy but already the cosmic picture is changing in your favour. Embrace it.

¥ Taurus April 21-May 21 Take a deep breath and hold it. Now, let it out slowly. Feel better? Good. The more relaxed you are now, the more easily things will come to you over the next two or three days.

II Gemini May 22-June 21 Act on impulse today. Do things on the spur of the moment. Others will be impressed by your can-do attitude and will do what they can to make your life even more enjoyable. The more you give out, the more vou get back.

### Gancer June 22-July 22 Make

a special effort today to persuade colleagues, employers and other important people that you know what you are talking about and that your vision is not just pie in the sky.

Ω Leo July 23-Aug.23 If you make an effort to do the right thing today, you will not only change your own life but the lives of many others. Can one single person make a difference? He or she can can if he

or she is a Leo!

TV Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 You are entitled to feel pleased with what you have accomplished, but don't just sit back and do nothing more. There will be greater rewards if you keep the momentum going

### **← Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23** Cosmic activity in the partnership area

of your chart means you can expect some kind of reward for working with others. M Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22

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► Yesterday's answer

Don't pretend to be shocked by what you learn about someone, because you've got secrets of your own that would raise a few evebrows! It's never a good idea to be judgmental. People will always be different. It's life's charm.

Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Anyone who tries to impose limits on you must be told to mind his or her own business. The one person who has the right to decide what you will do and who you will do it with is vou.

### り Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20

Saturn has imposed a lot of new responsibilities on you of late, but you have not bent under the strain. Having said that, if it all gets a bit too much today, take a break.

~ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Try not to be so aloof today. The more of an effort you make to reach out to people over the next 24 hours, the more of an effort they will make to do things for you.

H Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 You may be tempted to do something out of the ordinary to get yourself noticed, but it isn't necessary. Don't go too far and give others the impression that you are too extreme to be trusted. SALLY BROMPTON



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